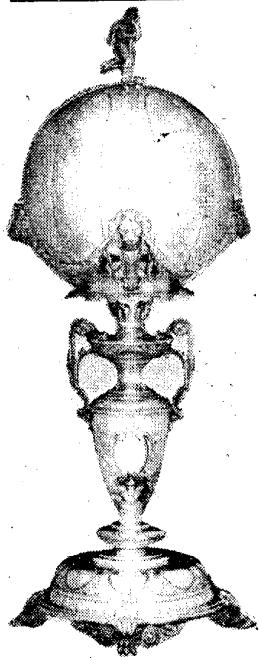


FA TROPHY PREVIEW



Holmer aim for last 4

HOLMER Green go into action tomorrow (Saturday) looking for a place in the last four of the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup.

It would be a remarkable feat for the Wycombe League side — and it is not out of their reach.

They travel to the current holders Milton Keynes City who beat Aylesbury to win the cup at Chesham last season.

But things have not gone right for Milton Keynes since then, and this season have yet to record their first Southern League win.

Amersham will be hoping to emulate last season's run in the cup by beating Abingdon Town to reach the semi-final. Last year they were beaten by Milton Keynes.

Burnham's match with Aylesbury will be played a week tomorrow, because of Aylesbury's involvement in the F.A. Trophy following their surprise win over Enfield in the previous round.

Travelling

HIGH Wycombe Sunday Football Combination senior representative team travel to Andover Sunday League on February 22 to play their Allied Counties Cup semi-final.

Dilemma in defence for boss Keen

KEITH Mead or Phil Bycroft. That is the dilemma facing Wycombe manager Mike Keen as he seeks a replacement for the suspended Steve Hardwick in tomorrow's FA Trophy second tie against Sutton at Gander Green Lane.

Mr Keen, who has to choose between Mead's greater experience and Bycroft's greater mobility at the centre of the defence, admitted on Tuesday night that he had still to make up his mind on his line-up.

Bycroft (formerly Abingdon Town), who has served his apprenticeship in Wycombe's Reserves, made an excellent debut for the Blues at Leytonstone on Saturday. His solid all-round performance helped the side to an important 1-0 victory.

But Mr Keen may prefer the experience of Mead, who has recovered from the calf injury that kept him out of the side at Enfield.

Selecting the rest of the side is much easier. With Jimmy Jacobs getting married, Bob Dell retains his place in mid-field, while the front three against Leytonstone — Terry Glynn, Terry Scott and the rejuvenated Steve Long — should keep their places.

Favourites

Mr Keen did however say that any three out of four (Gary Toll is the other) would do a good job and that all four would be travelling in the squad of 13.

In two matches against Sutton this season, the home team has won on each occasion so United

must start marginal favourites.

It is one of the mysteries of the non-league football world why Sutton United have never before reached the second round of the trophy.

For the past decade they have been one of the top Isthmian League sides and have time after time been exempt to the third qualifying round of the competition. But they have always been eliminated early on.

This season for some strange reason — probably their high league placing last year — they were exempt, like Wycombe — until the first round proper.

They were drawn away to close Isthmian rivals Woking and came back with a 1-0 victory thanks to a goal from Ian Parsons, their summer signing from Bromley.

Parsons, along with lead-

ing scorer Micky Joyce, have formed one of the most effective striking partnerships in the league with 39 goals between them in all matches. The third member of the Sutton forward line is talented young winger Ray Sunnucks, formerly with Croydon, whose father Alan played for Wycombe in the late 50's.

Larry Pritchard still controls the centre of the midfield and is joined in that department by Graham Dennis and Keith Waldon, experienced Isthmian League players.

United's defence looks immensely strong on paper with two big signings, full-backs Steve Rogers and Bobby Green and the Rains brothers John and Tony at the centre of the back four. Behind them is goalkeeper Dave Collyer, who was once chaired off the field by Wycombe fans after playing a 'blinder' for

Woking at Loakes Park. There's virtually nothing to choose between the teams and the result will probably depend on which team puts away its chances.

Mike Keen said he would settle for a draw. The replay, if there is one, will be at Loakes Park on Tuesday.

BERGER ISTMHIAN LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Slough	29	17	9	3	44	23	57
Wycombe	31	16	7	8	55	36	55
Enfield	30	15	8	7	58	35	53
Harrow	30	15	6	9	47	31	51
Sutton	29	14	9	6	54	40	51
Bromley	31	13	8	10	51	49	47
Dagenham	31	12	9	10	57	50	45
Leytonstone	28	12	7	9	49	40	43
Dulwich	30	11	10	9	47	41	43
*Barking	35	11	10	14	48	53	41
Staines	31	11	7	13	41	43	40
Hileyas	29	12	4	13	26	36	40
Carshalton	29	11	3	15	40	56	36
Tooting	31	10	5	16	33	40	35
Woking	31	10	4	17	33	49	34
Walth'stow	29	10	4	15	31	45	34
Leath'head	31	7	12	12	23	34	33
Croydon	27	6	14	7	25	24	32
Harrow	28	7	11	10	33	41	32
Boreham Wd	29	8	8	13	36	49	32
Hitchin	26	7	8	11	34	34	29
Hendon	28	7	7	14	34	46	28

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